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The Black Book opened.

Wherein is set forth,

- I. A Discovery and Description of the Grand Traytors, Rebels, Blood-suckers, King-killers, and Caterpillars, of these Three Kingdoms ; And a true Character of these monstrous Canibals.
- II. A Catalogue of their Names ; And an Historical Account of their Rebelious Actions, State-Commotions, and Abominable Proceedings: The like never heard of for above one thousand years.
- III. The several Sums of Money which they divided among themselves during the sitting of the Long-Parliament, and in, and since the Tyrannicall Domination of that most horrid, detestable, and Usurping Tyrant *Oliver Cromwel*, the Monster of Men, and shame of Christianity.
- IV. The Names of such Colonels, Citizens, and others, as made profit by the continuance of the War, Excise, Taxes, and oppressive Proceedings against the Body-politick of the People, during the long Exilement, and unjust Banishment of our Supream Head and Governour *Charles* by the Grace of God King of *England, Scotland, France, and Ireland*.
- V. The Traytors Vizards presented to the People ; The Life and Death of the most Notorious and Bloody Judges of our late gracious Sovereign King *Charles* ; And the strange Beginning, Rise, and Fall, of such who have divided our murder'd Kings Inheritance.
- VI. The true Embleme and Pedigree of Maj. Gen. *Harrison*, son of a Butcher, Single-ey'd *Hewson* the Cobler; Ambitious *Barkstead* the Thimble-maker ; Rebellious *John Okey* the Dray-man ; And bold Sir *Arthur Haslrig*, and Politick *Vane*, the two great Incendiaries.

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TH E Designs, Aims, Interests, and Projects, of *Cromwel*, *Ireton*, and others, were in involving these Nations in a miserable and destructive war ; great pretences, but small performances ; greatness, wealth, and honour, were the inducements of the most hypocritical persons in the world to profane the Name of God, by calling their cursed *ambition* his *Cause*, to murder so many innocent persons both by the civil and military Sword, to ruine so many noble Families by depriving them of the substance left them for many years from their Ancestors, and at length, as the top of all wickedness (having by divine permission defeated the forces of their Sovereign) to murder him under pretence of Justice, for a Tyrant, whereas it is evident to the contrary, that no Nation under the Sun lived more happily and freely then we, during the reign of the most excellent and Religious King, nor any more miserably and slavishly, then since his death. The following Catalogue will present the perusers with an account of some of their base advantages by our woful miseries : And first we shall begin with that grand Enslaver of his Countrey *Oliver Cromwel*. This Scourge of God was in the beginning of these Troubles a man of no considerable fortune, his whole Estate amounting to about 1300 l. which at that time he intended to lay out upon a purchase of drained Fen-Lands. He passed through the several degrees of Military command, till he was advanced to be General of the Army, during which time he received great gifts out of Estates of the Duke of *Buckingham*, the Lord *Francis Villers*, the Marquess of *Worcesters* Estate worth 5 or 6000 l. per. annum, and others ; besides great sums of money at several times ; and, as it is said for some years the whole Revenue of near all the Benefices in *Wales*, employing four itinerate Teachers to coast about that Countrey for 100 l. per annum a man, and took occasion to dissolve the

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Rump of the Long Parliament just as they were going to call for the Accounts of the Money, which amounted to a vast sum. One would have thought all this, with the Generals pay, might have satisfied such a mans appetite, whose beginning was so mean! But having projected greatness and Sovereignty to himself, from the beginning he waded to it through the Blood of his Natural Prince, and great numbers of his Fellow-Subjects, and made himself Supream Governour of these Nations, under the Title of Protector; which Power, he held with much Oppression, Dissimulation, Hypocrisie, and Blood-shed, for about 5 years; when God cut him off before he had well-provided for the establishment of his Son in the succession: His Funeral was solemnized with great pomp, they say to the worth of 30000 l. which is yet unpaid. He spent a vast deal of Treasure to maintain his Tyranny: But he is gone to his own place; and let his memory be accursed for ever.

2. *Charles Fleetwood* Col. and Lord Deputy of Ireland. This pitifull Anabaptist was *Olivers* Son-in-Law, and upon that score advanced to be Lieutenant General of the Army, for merit he never had any. In the dividing of the Murdered Kings inheritance, *Woodstock* and other rich possessions fell to his share. About a year since, he, with some other Officers, ungratefully Dethroned Protector *Richard*, restored the Rump for a while, and then unroofed them again; after which, during the space of near 6 Weeks he acted King at *Wallingford-house*; (one of his Palaces) but the Rumpers coming to sit again, tender-hearted mock-Prince melted into Tears, and his Hypocritical Vizard of Religion being pulled off, he went off the Stage ridiculously.

3. *Thomas* Lord *Gray* of *Groby*, Colonel, and hath given to him the Queens Mannor, House, Park, and Lands at *Holby*, also purchased a large part of the Lord *Crutens* Estate, particularly *Coom Abbey*, judged worth 3000 l. per annum, for an inconsiderable sum, and one of the late Kings Judges.

4. *Sir Arthur Hasletrig*. This boisterous Incendiary, having by base and vile courses possessed himself of several Cole-pits near *Newcastle*, was some years (as it may be feared) the occasion of starving many poor people in *London* to death through cold; for being Governour (he without any publick Authority) laid a Tax of 4 shill. per Chaldron on the Coals there, amounting to 50000 l. per annum; He got three great Mannors of the Bishops, *Aukland*, *Everwood*, and another for an inconsiderable matter; he has been an implacable Enemy to one *Mr. Co'ingwood*, and wronged him of a great Estate; he hath a rich Fleece, reported to be the value of 20000 l. per annum, but I hope he will ere long be sheared.

5. *Cornelius*

1. *Corneilius Holland*, his Father died in the Fleet for Debt, and left him a poor Boy in the Court, waiting on Sir Henry Vane, then Comptroller of the Printes house, he was still Sir Henry Vane's Zamboni, grew a comin with his Master for the Revenue of the King, Queen, and Prince. This Pharisee was ingaged with other Monoplists and Patentees, while they stood, his Conscience scrupling not the means where profit was the pri^e, he was turned out of the Office of the Green-cloth for fraud and breach of trust. With the help of his master he made himself a Farmer of the Kings seeding grounds at *Crestor* in *Buckinghamshire* worth 1800 L. or 20000 l. per annum, at the rate of 20 l. per annum which he discounted. He possessed *Green-fel* house a long time, where he and his Family nested themselves. He was Keeper of *Richmond-house* for his Countrey Retreat. He was Commissary for the Garrisons at *White-hall* and the *Mews*; He had an Office in the Mint, and having ten Children, he long since gave 5000 l. with a Daughter, after which rate we must conceive he had laid aside 9000 l. for Portions; he was one of the Kings cruel Judges, and one of the Committee of Safety.

6. *John Hewson* at first a Cöbler of London, or at best a Shoemaker, went out a Captain upon the account of the cause; his Zeal brought him to be a Colonel, and afterwards was made Governour of *Dublin* in *Ireland*, from whence he was sent for to be one of *Barbours* Parliament and of all the mock Parliaments since, was made a Knight of the new stamp, and afterwards was thought a fit person to be a Lord of the Other House, and for his Wisdom and good Service in all his other employments, was thought fit to be one of the most Honourable Persons of the Committee of Safety that were to manage all publick Affairs of the Nation, and to consider upon a frame of Government to be established; But in the heat of that great work, he was in all haste by his Brethren of that Committee sent in a rage into London to kill and still the Innocent Boyes playing at Foot-ball in the streets, much like his Brother *Pride* who cruelly destroyed innocent Bears, afterwards the *Ostoners* Jury that sat upon the murdered persons, found his Lordship guilty; he had been Frier at the Sessions-house in the *Old Bailey*, had not the News of his Majesties happy arrival prevented the sitting of that Court, and no doubt before this time received the reward of his works; He was likewise one of the Barbarous Judges of his blessed King.

7. *John Lisle* Barrester of the Temple, Master of *St. Cross* in *Doctor Lewis*'s place, being a place for a Divine, worth 800 l. per annum, and one of the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, worth 3500 l. per annum,

was one of the Kings Judges, afterwards became a *Cromwellian*, and swore at his first installing chief Magistrate: He was President of the High Court of Justice (so called) which Tryed Sir *Henry Slingsby* and Doctor *Hewit*, &c. for Treason against the Protector, and passed Sentence of Death against them.

8. *Henry Martin* Colonel of a Regiment of Horse (and a Regiment of Whores) he had given him 3000l. at one time to put him on upon the Holy Sisters and take off from the Levellers, he had the Reputation of a precious Saint from his youth, in reference to all kinds of Debauchery, Uncleaness, and Fraud, having sold his Estate three times over, he lay many years a Prisoner in the Kings Bench for debt, and disgraced the place by renewing the old Stews upon the Bank-side, he had several other large sums given him, and was one of the Kings bloody Judges.

9. *Richard Dean*, Goodman Button (an Hoyman of Ipswich) his Boy; after a matross in the Army, then Colonel and Commander in chief in Scotland, then made one of the Generals at Sea, he was there slain, having left a great estate behinde him; *Havering Manor in Essex*, whose Park he unmercifully demolished: He was not onely one of the Kings implacable Judges, but one of those that signed the Warrant for his Death; and appointed the time and place for his Execution at White-hall.

10. *John Barhstred* the Son of *Michael Barhstred* a Gold-Smith, who also was himself in his minority a petty Gold-Smith in the Strand, a very empty shallow pated person; he forsook his Shop, shuffled himself into the Camp, where more by Fortune then valour he climbed up to be a Colonel, and after that Lieutenant of the Tower, adopted to be an Alderman, Major General of *Middlesex*, a persecutor of the Kings party, who also was one of his Judges. A thorough-paced Agent for all Governments, and a most active Inap of that Tyrant and Damned Usurper *Oliver Cromwel*.

11. *Thomas Harrison* a man of very mean birth, being the Son of a Butcher near *Newcastle* underline. He was Servant to master *Hulk* an Attorney at Law, but esteeming War better then Peace, got into the Army, and having the knack of Canting, was supposed to be a person of surpassing piety, and so insinuated himself from one Command to another, till he became Major General of *Wales*, being dangerously Anabaptistical in his Tenets, and a perfect hater of Orthodox Divinity, and a devourer of their maintenance; he was lately a Preacher, and indeed Head of a Re-baptized Congregation in London; he was clearly against Monarchy, not onely sitting as a milicious Judge against his

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True Sovereign, but was one of those five who appointed the time and place for his Execution.

12. *John Okey*, his Parentage was as mean as his calling, some deeming him a Dray-man, others a Yeast-man, but he was a Stoaker in a Brew-house at *Uxington*, and next a most poor Chandler near *Lyon-key* in *Thames-street*; where living very poor and indigent, he converted his Blue Apron into a Buff Coat, and became a Colonel of Dragoons; a fellow of greater bulk then Brains, and strength then wit or Conscience; otherwise he would have had more Grace that to have been one of the Kings Judges, and be one of that most impudent Committee that signed the Warrant for his death, and appoint the time and place for his Execution.

13. *Mathew Tomlinson* before these times was a Gentleman Usher to a Lady, and afterwards became a Major in the Army, and then a Colonel, was sent Commissioner into *Ireland* by the Tyrant *Olivier*, and was Knighted there by *Henry Cromwell* his second Son; was one of those cruel Tygers and Blood-thirsty Villains that conducted the King to the Scaffold, and hath got a great Estate.

14. *Edmond Prideaux* formerly Commissioner to the Great Seal, worth 1500*l.* per annum, did by Ordinance practice within the Bar as one of the Kings Council, worth 5000*l.* per annum, and after that was Attorney-General, worth what he pleased to make it; Post-master of all the In-land Letters, at 6 pence a Letter, worth 15000*l.* per annum, and he got it thus: The Lord *Stanhop*, the Post-masters and Carriers of *England*, complained in Parliament against master *Wibberings*, and others, touching the carrying of Letters; whereupon the bench of Foreign Letters were given to the Earl of *Warwick*, worth more then 7000*l.* per annum, and in land Letters to master *Prideaux*: Was not this pure Justice?

15. Sir *Henry Vane* Junior, hath the Bishop of *Durshams* Mannor, Park, Demesnes of *Evenwood*, had given him 5000*l.* Chair-man for the Kings, Queens, and Princes Revenue, the Epitome whereof is Lord Treasurers; this man *Coxens* was Clerk to the Committee, and got 1500 or 2000*l.* per annum by it.

And if the man such profits have,
What must be then that keeps the Knave.

16. *Edward Whaley* formerly a Woollen Draper or petty Merchant in *London*, where not thriving, and being much in debt, he fled into *Scotland*, till the Wars began, which he hath found a more painful Trade;

Trade; in which he was *Commissary General of the Horse*; he was of the later Parliaments, and a great promoter of *Olivers* ambitious designs and his Countries slavery, for which he was made a Major General of two or three Counties, and a Lord of the Other House; but the restoring of the Rump checkt this little mans greatness; till *Lambert* burnt them out, and then he was sent into *Scotland* to desire General *Monck* to be quiet. He was one of the *Accursed Crew* that sat in Judgement on the King.

17. *Sir Henry Vane junior*, Son to the Elder, totally outed *Sir William Russell*, and was sole Treasurer to the Navy, a place worth at least 6000 l. per annum in time of War, especially when the Lord Treasurer was his Friend; more when he was his Father. He was a Discontent during all *Oivers* and *Richards* Government; he is no doubt a man of much Religion, and would have become one of the Rulers of *Israel*, if the intended match between his Son and *Lamberts* Daughter had not been spoiled by the restitution of the Rump.

18. *Thomas Scot*, by Birth Son of a mean Brewer, and by adoption a Brewers Clerk of *London*; who by being transplanted to *Alisbury*, grew up to the Stature of a Solicitor or Attorney; a little sneaking fellow, but a great lover of mischief, who closing in with our first Divisions help to widen them; a great pretender to piety, but much believed to be of a loose and base lascivious life, having been said to have had the Grin-cums: A diligent Searcher after, Seizer, and Suppressor of the Kings Books, or any thing Printed in his favour; a terrible man for a Commonwealth, having been a long Rumper, and Secretary to the Council of State, having been one of the Kings Judges impudently glorying. That when he was dead, he desired no other Inscription, then this; Here lies *Thomas Scot*, one of the late Kings Tryers.

19. *Henry Lawrence* a Member of the Long Parliament, fell off at the murder of the late King, for which the Protector with great zeal Declared, That a natural Spirit was more to be abhorred then a Cavalier spirit, and that such men as he were not fit to be used in; such a day as that, when God was cutting down King-stee Root and Branch: Yet he came into play again, and contributed much to the setting up of the Protector and a single person, affirming, That no other Foundation could stand, for which worthy service, he was made and continued President of the Protectors Council, where he signed many Arbitrary and Illegal Warrants for carrying honest men to Prison for not Apostatizing with them; he was thorough pac't, and one who has well Feathered his Nest, being al-to one of the Lords of the Other House, and when that honour vanquished, he became one of the honourable Committee of Safety: What he will be next is worth the enquiry.

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